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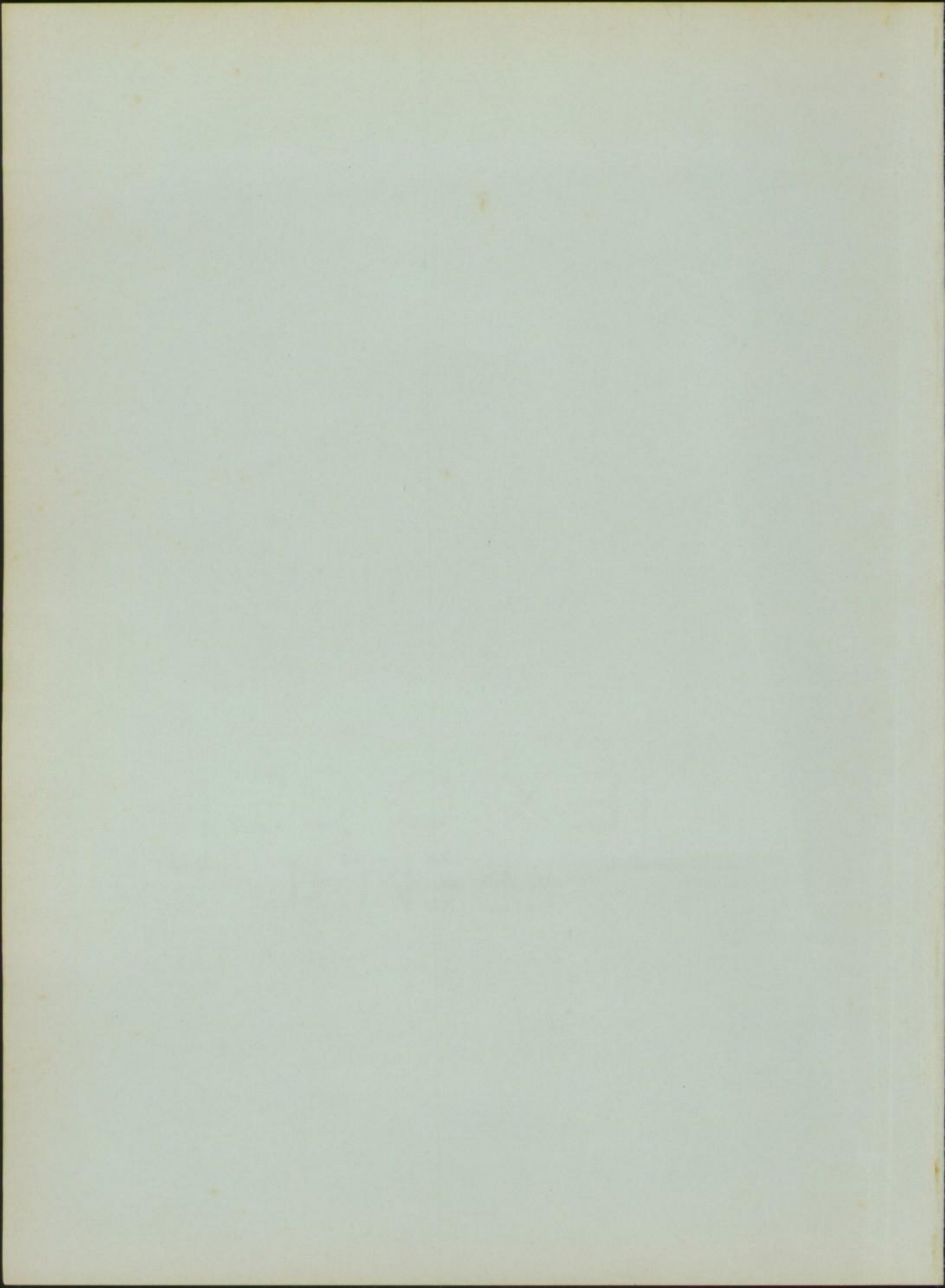
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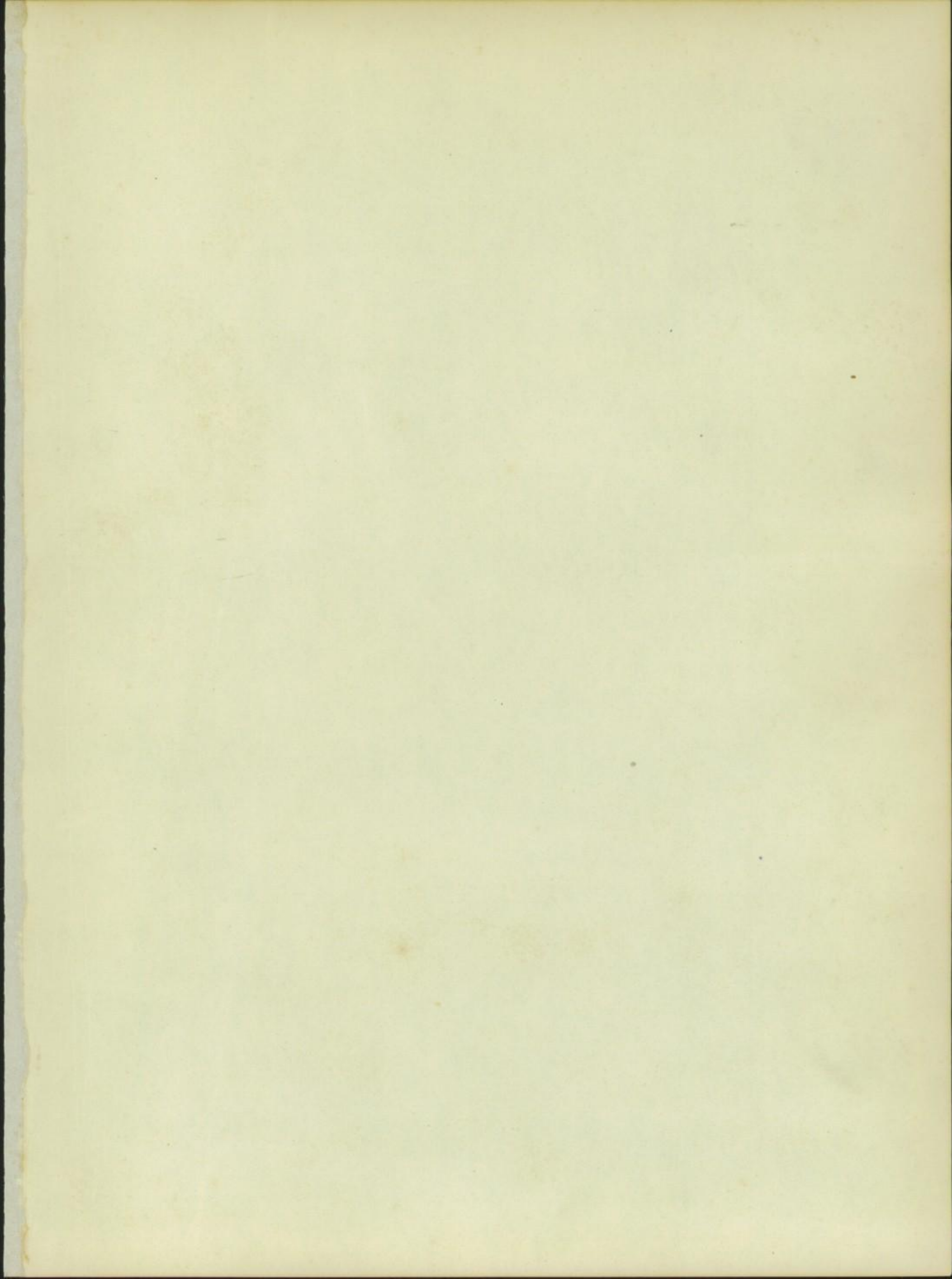
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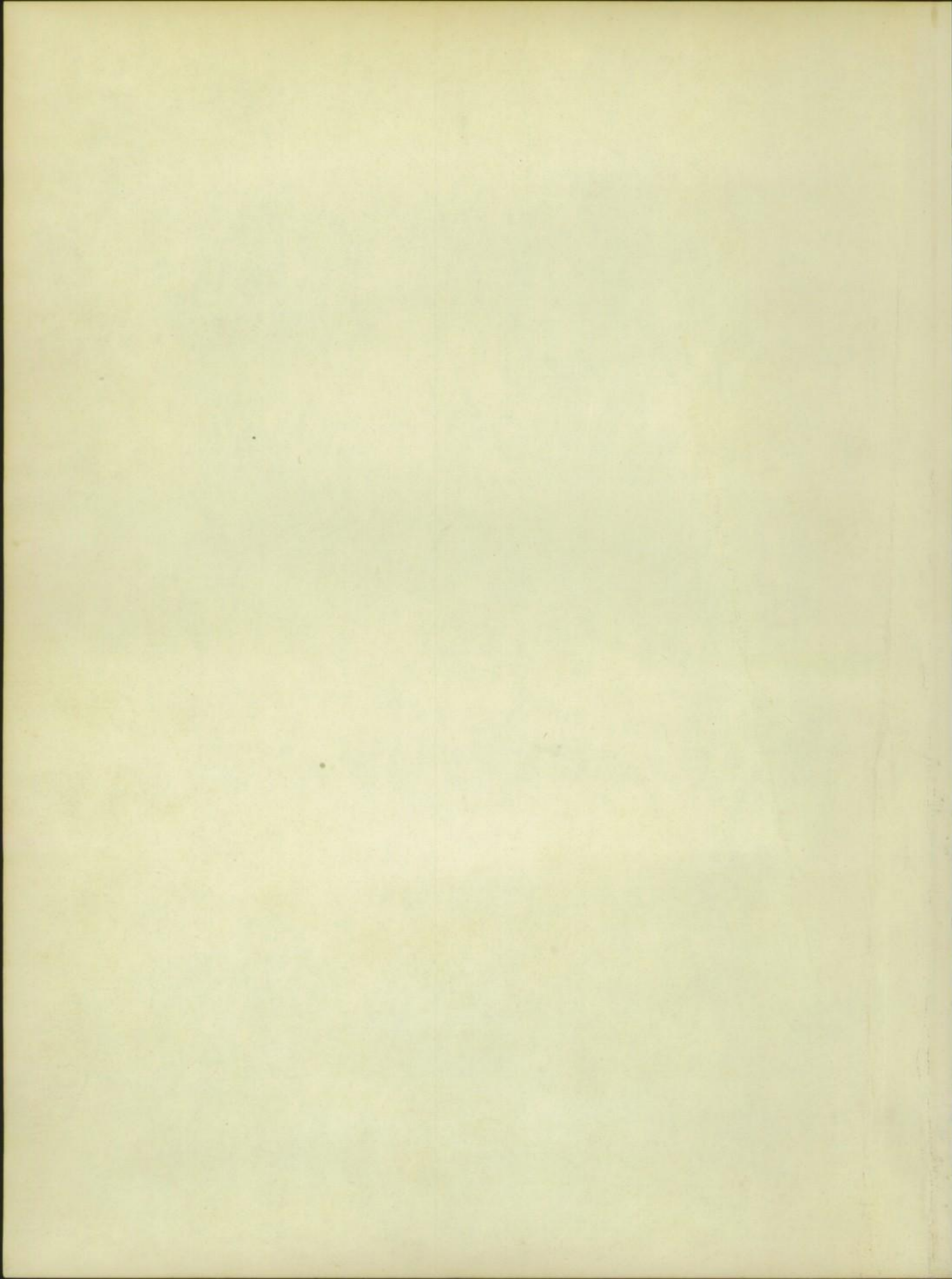
ECHO

Mr. Hecker

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FOREWORD

With the passing of time, the echoes of our school life will grow fainter and fainter, and then die away. Gone forever will be the routine of school life, the fun we had, and the friends we made. It is the hope of the 1953 Echo Staff that, as you glance through this book in the years to come, you will recapture those moments--and the echoes of the past will bring back many happy memories.



MIDWAY HIGH SCHOOL

Midway, Kentucky

DEDICATION



Grateful for the instruction of the past years and always conscious of a true friend who will be happy when we succeed and helpful when we are in trouble, we, the Senior Class, dedicate this Annual, "The Echo", to our Senior Sponsor, Mrs. Nell Voigt.

Kn **Workshop**
The Workshop

ADMINISTRATION



Our superintendent, Mr. Stanley Hecker, has been with us only during our last year of school. He has brought with him an atmosphere of friendliness and happiness that has permeated every room.

We, as seniors suddenly realize how much our teachers have influenced our lives. They have led us through difficult problems, instructional and personal.

As we continue through life we will find they have molded our characters and ideas far more than we can realize, now. We take this time to express our gratitude to all of the faculty of our school.



HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Mrs. Nell N. Voigt
A.B. in Education, University of Kentucky
Social Sciences

Mrs. Amanda Newell Hicks
Eastern Kentucky Teacher's College
Commercial Courses

Mrs. Edna Martin Wehrle
A.B., University of Kentucky
English and Librarian

Miss Edith Hamlet
B.S., Austin Peay State College
English and Science

Coach Ed Allin
A.B., University of Kentucky
Physical Education and Science

J. Curtis Bevins
B.S., M.A., Eastern State College
Math and Science



ELEMENTARY FACULTY



Mrs. Opal Caton
Diploma in Primary and Kindergarten Education
Iowa State Teachers College
First Grade

Mrs. Mary Clarke Caldwell
Louisville Normal School
First Grade

Miss Alice Redden
A.B., University of Kentucky
Second Grade

Miss Evelyn Clarke
A.B., University of Kentucky
Fifth Grade

Mrs. Betty Walker
A.B., Lynchburg College
Fourth Grade

Miss Mary Jeanetta Goodlett
A.A., Midway Junior College
Third Grade

David Shipp
A.B., University of Kentucky
Sixth Grade



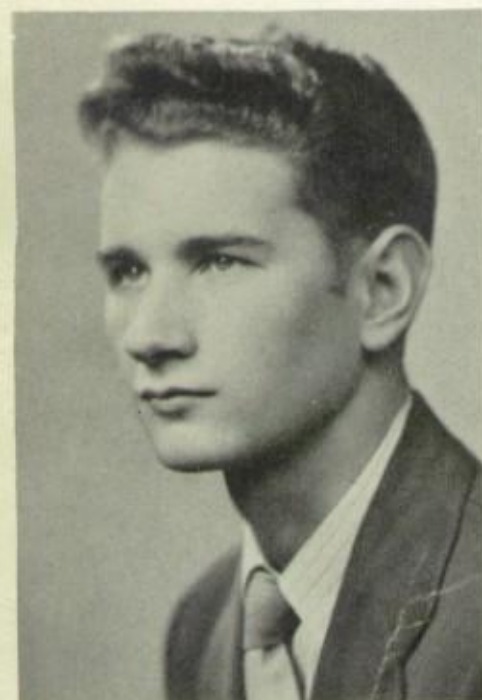
SENIORS

CLASS



Betty Devers
"Big blue eyes and charming smile, you are our 'Little Miss Worthwhile'."

Glee Club 1-3-4; 4-H Club 1-2-3;
Pep Club 4; Yawdim Staff 3-4;
Echo Staff; Journalism Club 3;
Senior Play; Junior Play.



Paul Duffy
"A basketball player, a regular guy, a friend to all and sort of shy."

Basketball 2-3-4; Class President 1-3-4; Vice President 2; Boy's State Representative 3; Pep club 4; Sportsmanship Award 2; Activities Award 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Echo Staff; Yawdim Staff 4; Debate Team 3.



Donald Baker
"Work has killed many a man, why die?"

Basketball 2-3-4; Vice-president Conservation Club 2-3; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Dramatic Club 3; Debate Team 3; Pep Club 4; Yawdim Staff 4; Echo Staff.



Ouida Bush
"She never fails to say a cheerful word."

Class Secretary 1-4; Vice president 3; Student Council 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Yawdim Staff; Echo Editor 4; Cheerleader 1; Glee Club 1; Pep Club 4.

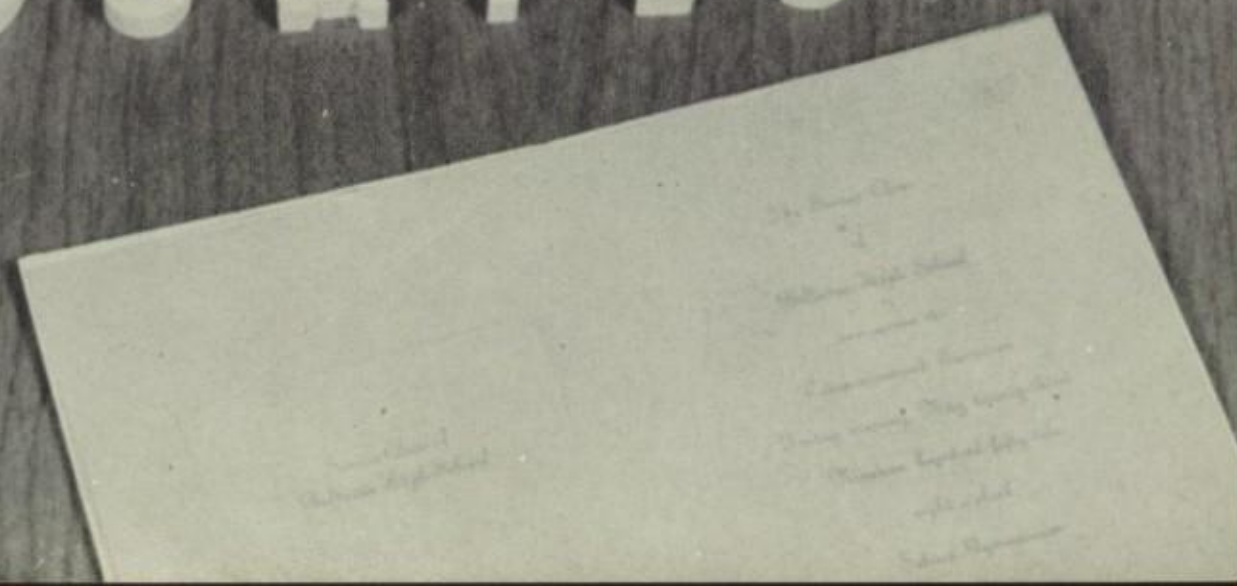


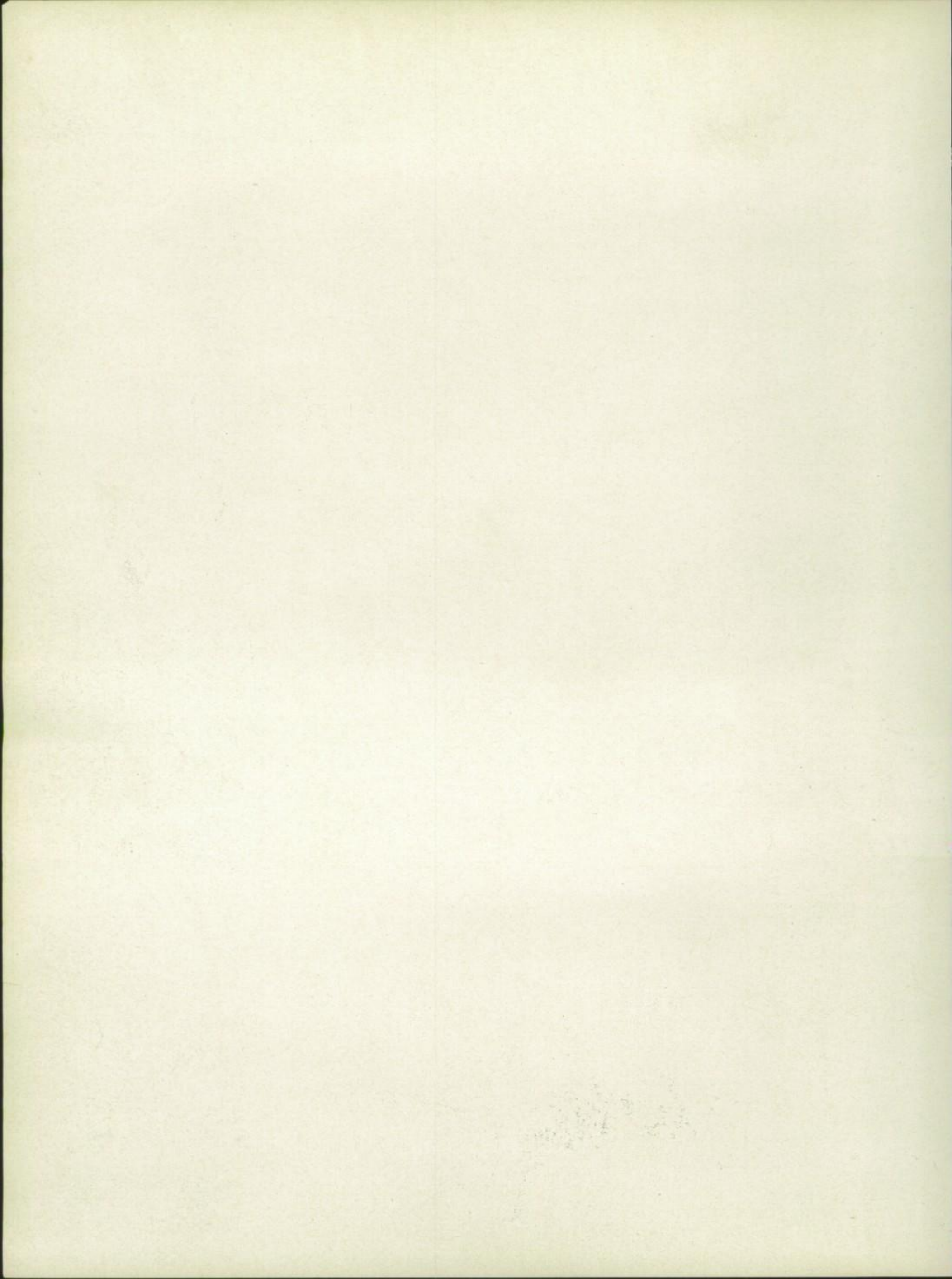
Betty Jo Duncan
"She may be shy and timid-like, that's funny, 'cause when you get to know her, no kidding she is a honey."

Senior Play; Glee Club 1; Yawdim Staff; Echo Staff.



GRADUATES





OFFICERS

Georgetta McLean
 "Like a circle ending never, does
 my tongue go on forever."

Glee Club 1-2; Senior Play; Junior
 Play; Yawdim Staff; Echo Staff;
 Pep Club.



Retta Richardson
 "Her twinkling eyes, pleasant
 smile brightens up the classroom
 all the while."

Vice-president 4; Treasurer 2;
 Glee Club 1; Junior Play; Senior
 Play; Yawdim Staff; Echo Staff;
 Pep Club.



Herbert Carpenter
 "A good folly is worth the price
 you pay for it."

Glee Club 1-3-4; Journalism Club
 3; Yawdim Staff; Junior Play; Pep
 Club 4; Senior Play; Echo Staff;
 Debate Club 3; Basketball 1-2-3.



Margaret Summers
 "Life is a serious proposition,-
 and boys too."

Glee Club 1-2-4; Junior Play;
 Senior Play; D.A.R. Good Citizen;
 Yawdim Staff 3-4; Echo Staff;
 Class Secretary 3; Class Treas-
 urer 4; Pep Club.



Alma Oneita Rigney
 "Not very tall, in fact small,
 her good nature is loved by
 all."

Glee Club 1-3-4; Pep Club 1-3-4;
 Class Treasurer 3; Yawdim Staff
 3-4; Senior Play; Journalism Club
 3.



SENIORS

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William Cloyd

"If music be the food of love,
play on."

Basketball 2-3-4; Echo Staff 3-4; Conservation Club 2-3-4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Journalism Club 3; Yawdim Staff 3-4; Debate Team 3; Glee Club 4.



Annie Webster

"Silence is golden, but who am I
to make money?"

Senior Play; Yawdim Staff 4;
Journalism Club 3; Glee Club 1;
Pep Club.



Myra Wash

"Marriage is a thing that you've
got to give your whole mind to."

Cheerleader 1-2-3-4; Junior Play
Senior Play; Yawdim Editor 4; Echo
Staff; Glee Club 1; Pep Club 4.



Ada Carol Wright

"If she can't find anything to
laugh about; she'll just giggle."

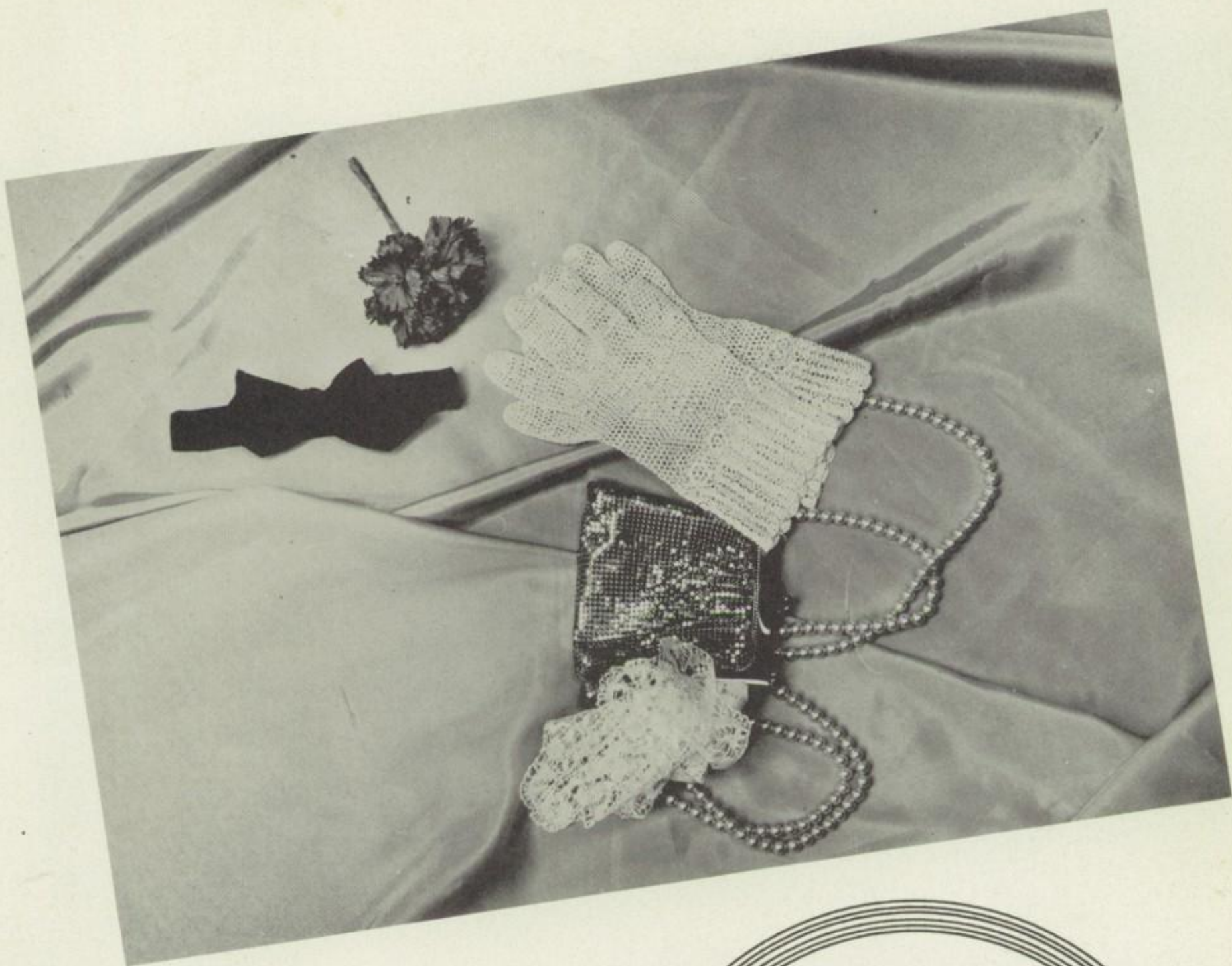
Glee Club 1-2-4; Senior Play;
Junior Play; Yawdim Staff 3-4;
Echo Staff; Pep Club 4.



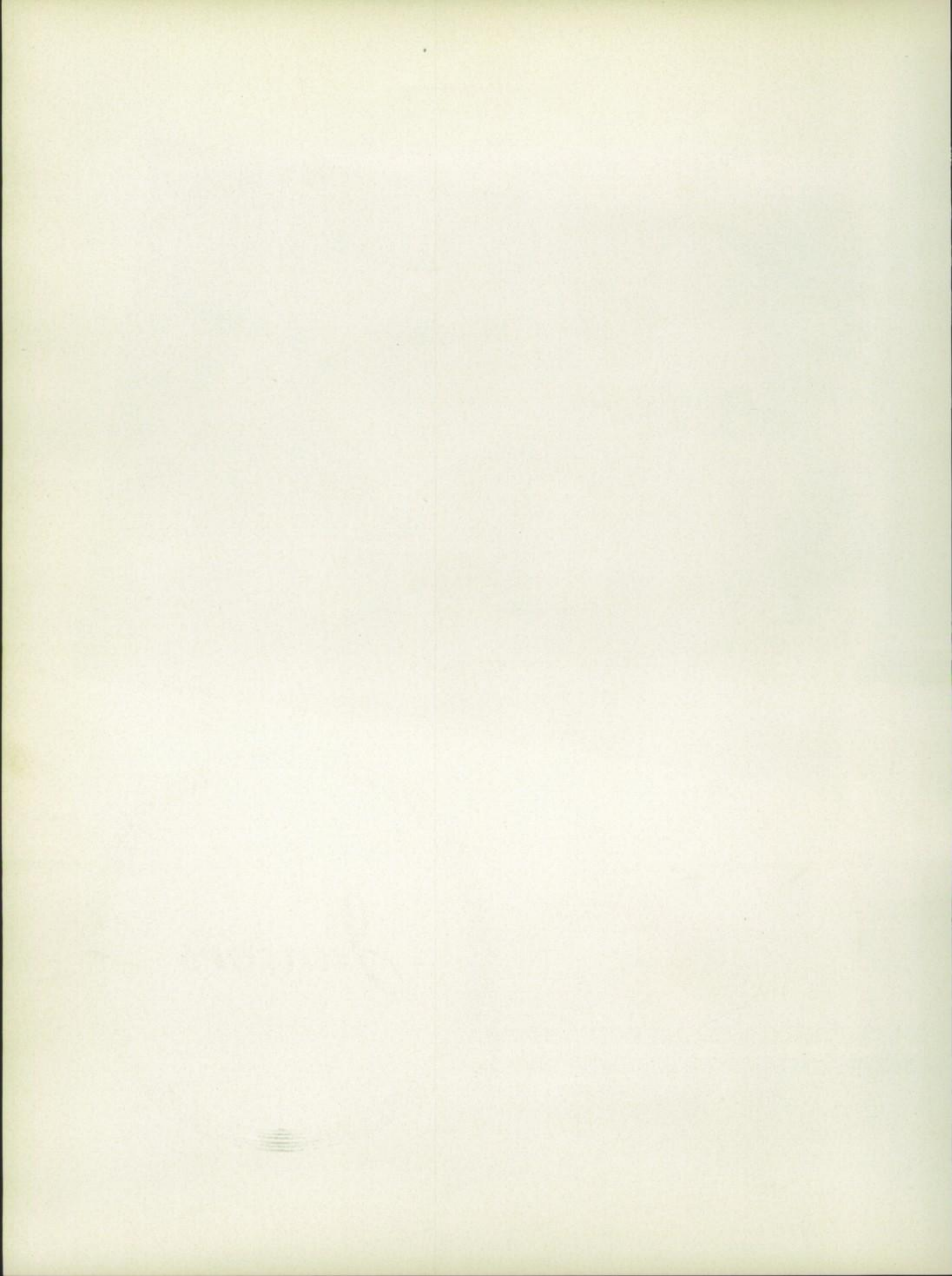
James Woodrum

"Girls! What would the world do
without them?"

Basketball 2-3-4; Glee Club 2-3;
4-H Club 1-2-3; Student Council
1-2; Junior Play; Senior Play;
Journalism Club 3; Yawdim Staff
3-4; Echo Staff 4; Debate Team
Pep Club.



Juniors



JUNIORS

Barbara Muntz
Bobby Biddle
Helen Woolums
David Rice



Joe Claypool
Mary Lou Ford
Joe Kenney
Dorothy Riddell



Dora Duncan
Bobby Dotson
Donna Muntz
James McDaniel



Jerry Montgomery
Mildred Lacefield
Charles Adams
Patsy Sullivan



Earl Campbell
Peggy Riddle
Douglas Lathrem
Wally Montgomery



SOPHOMORES



Marjorie Turner
Lamar Johnson
Doris Biddle
Billy Logan



Joe Lacefield
Betty Jo Purvis
Chandler League
Gloria Sorrell



Shirley Baldwin
Benny Baker
Patricia Hancock
Oscar Ellis



Bobby Duncan
Betty Ingram
John Duncan
Lois Barnes

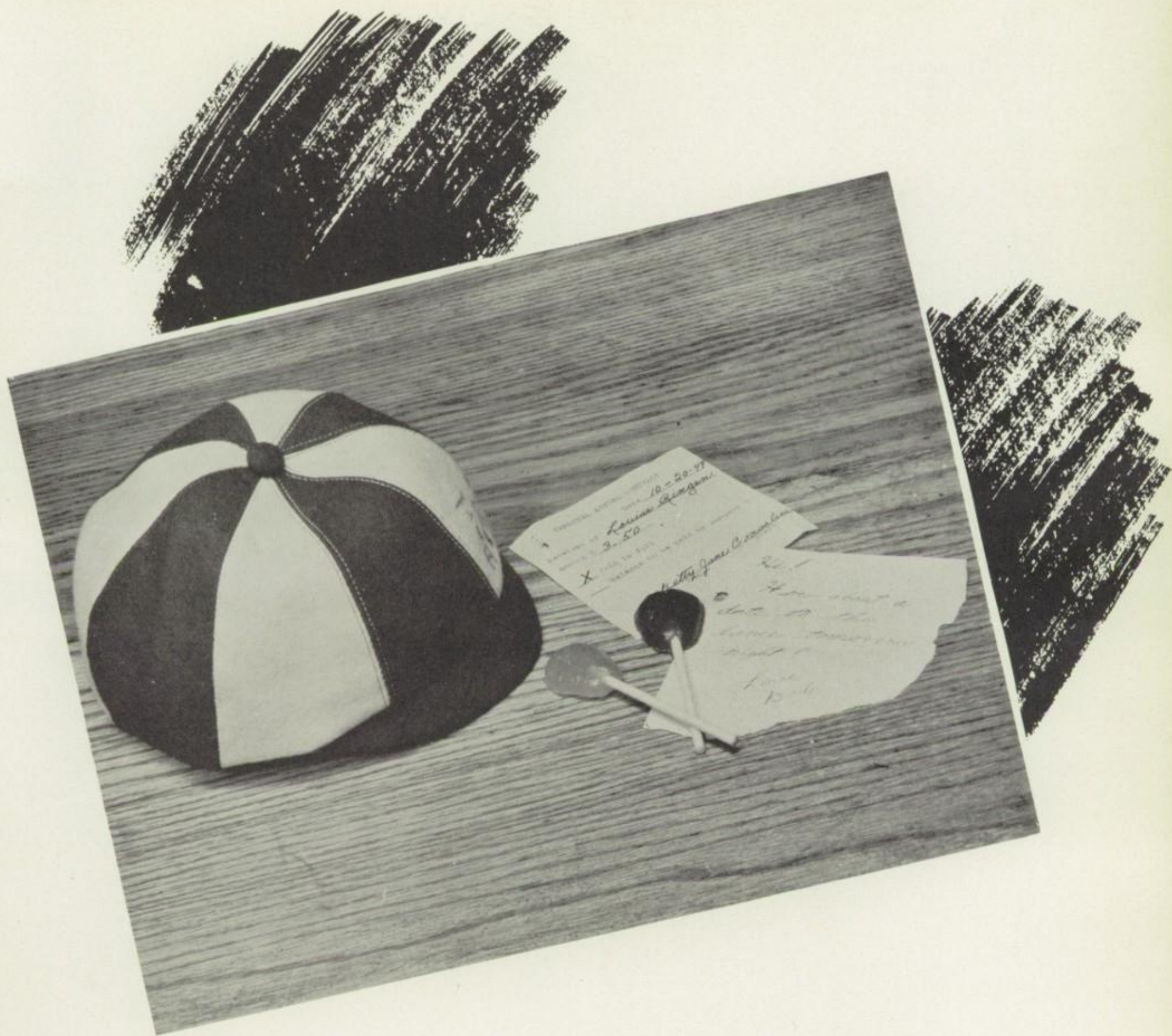


Nannie Carpenter
Lois Shumate
Charlotte White

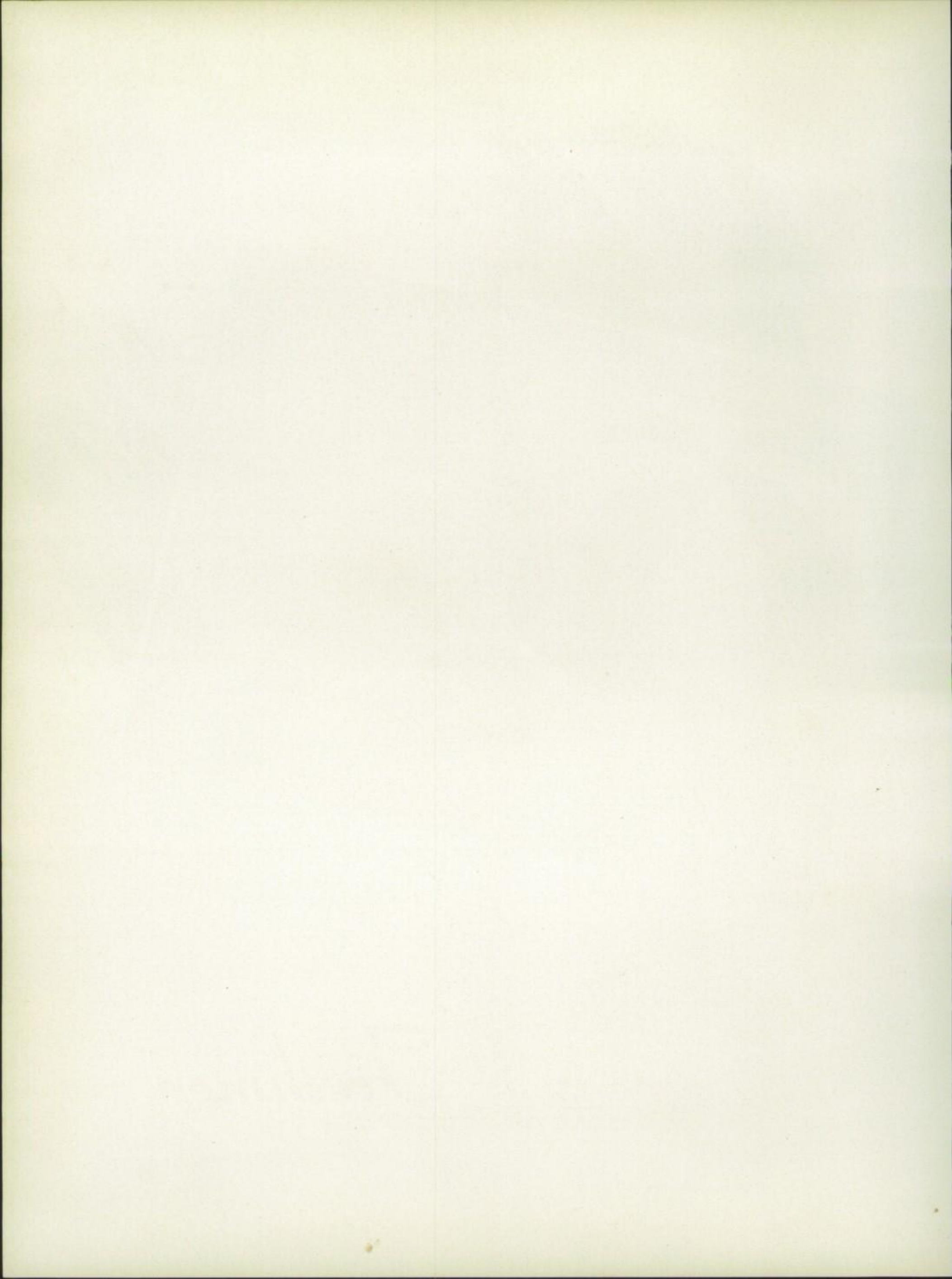


Sophomores





Freshmen



FRESHMEN

Betty Portwood
Phillip Smith
Glenna Harmon
Billy Hayes



Patsy Kenney
Betty Ann Green
Phillip House
Betty Ann Florian



Patsy Devers
Albert Woodrum
Bonnie Logan
Garnet Atwood



Donald Columbia
Ruby Murphy
Boyce McLean
Phyllis Lane



William Duncan
Shirley Pedigo
Sidney Sorrell
Sue Yeary





EIGHTH GRADE

First row; Jo Ann Woodrum, Louis Wash, Kathleen Pittman, Barbara Bush, Michael Rice, Shirley Hall, Peggy Britton. Second row; Rodney Dunn, Marilyn Mitchell, Earl Cloyd, Janice Thomas, Harold Campbell, Paul Williams, Mr. Allin.



SEVENTH GRADE

First row; Carolyn Columbia, Larry Duffy, Priscilla Bigbe, Phillip Courtney, Jewell Dean Mitchell, Richard Courtney, Jo Ann Parker, Tom Gold, Patsy Lane, Raymond McLean. Second row; Linda Howard, Melba Meeks, Paul Hayes, Phyllis Grimes, Raymond Shepard, Ruth Scard, Jimmy Diamond, Larry Bryant, Bobby Allison. Third row; Ethel Murphy, Della Sorrell, Jerry Smith, Wilma Richardson, Sonja Mason, David Stevens, Edna Kenny, Pete Spencer, Carol Wheeler, Mr. Bevins.

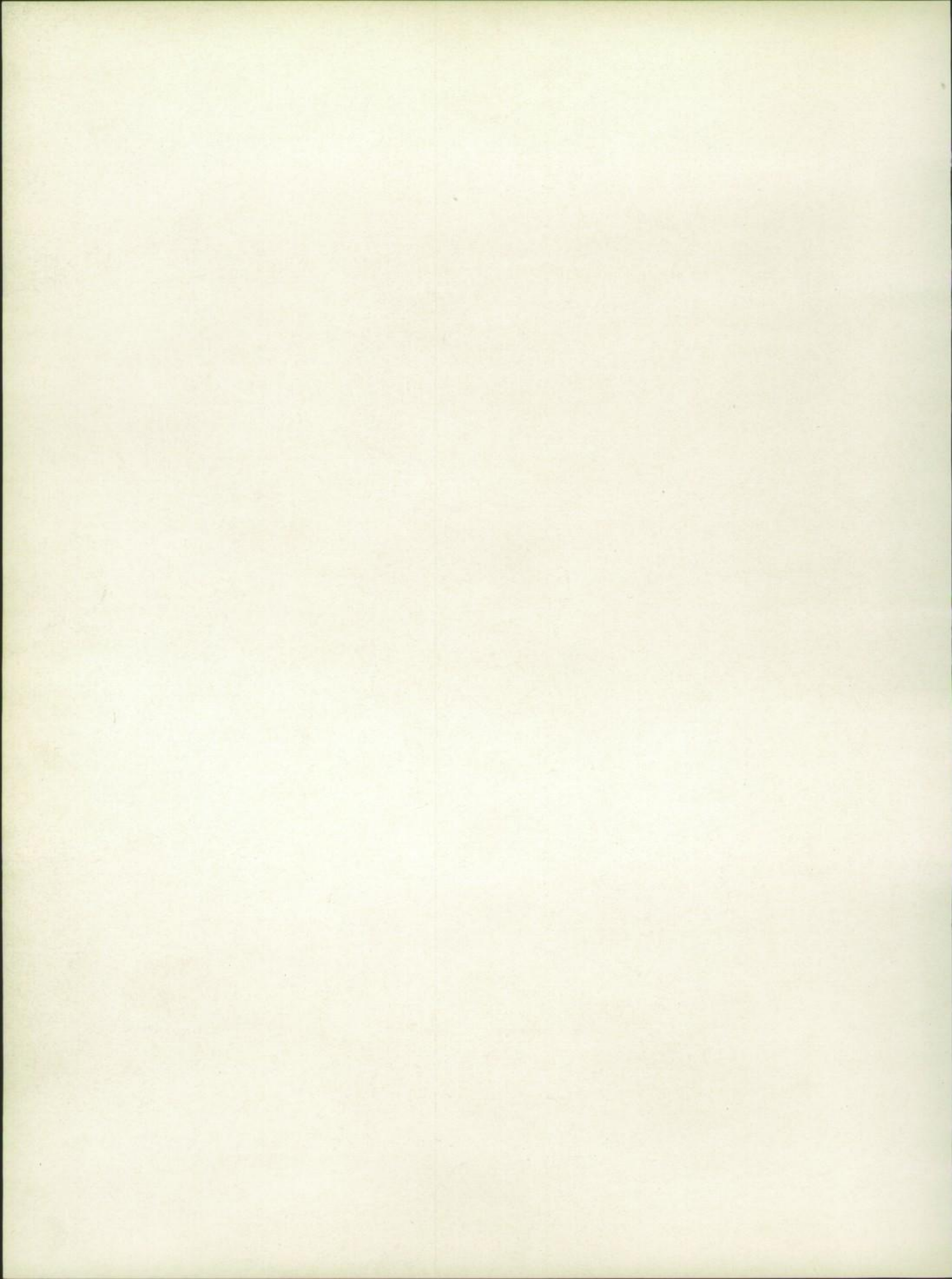


SIXTH GRADE

First row; Peggy Lane, James Masters, Charlene Green, Buddy Green, Gladys Pennington, William Pittman, Wanda Riddle, Bobby Pittman, Carol Rawlings, Philip Dotson, Neville McClain. Second row; Florene Carpenter, Betty Summers, G. W. Downs, Ann Ethington, Donald Hall, Betty Smedley, Tommy Meeks, Wayne Wright, Robert Muntz, Mr. Shipp.

Grades





THIRD GRADE



Top Row: Edward McLean, Mildred Thompson, Allen Courtney, Ronnie Ward, Rita Wise, Ruby McClain, Zekie Mitchell, Marceline Mason, Linda Campbell, Miss Goodlett.
First Row: Mildred Wiley, William Kenney, Jerry Parker, Paul Muntz, Elijah Hayes, Clarence Pittman, Martha Milton, Sammy Riddle, David Penn, Linda Routt, Raymond Ethington.



FOURTH GRADE

First Row: Valis Smedley, Gay Green, Lawrence Davis, Patricia Wilson, Joe Devers, Connie Woolums, Donald Lane, Patricia Campbell, Michael Routt, Elsie Murphy, Gene Masters, Susan Starks. Second Row: Lowell Devers, Faye Shepard, Pete McCall, Jennifer Warford, Donnie Diamond, Betty Swan, Howard Blades, Daphne Richardson, Ida Sorrell, Betty Lou Sorrell, Mrs. Walker.

FIFTH GRADE



First Row: Philip Bare, Florida Thomas, Jerry Baldwin, Beckham Purvis, Joe Mitchell, Jean Ethington, Patricia Parker, Bobby Campbell, Helen Ethington, Paul Eyre, Myrtle Yount. Second Row: Geraldine Thompson, Mary Jane Adams, Alice Wheeler, R.G. Penn, Larry Wheeler, Frances Ellis, Margaret McClain, Sidney Devers, Mary Elizabeth Woodrum, Miss Clarke. Third Row: Tommy McClain, Bookie Fishback, Linda Williams, Johnny Murphy, Jakie Mitchell, Phillip McDaniel, Betty Penn, Jimmy Hall.



FIRST GRADE

Front row: Helen Roach, Margaret Warford, Sandra Devers, Denny Riddle, Lloyd Tackett, Donald Blades, Donnie Pittman, Danny Lane, Donald Wheeler, Danny Devers, Arthur Craig, Clyde Reynolds, Ronald Shepard, Tommy Riddle. Back row: James Purvis, Charles Nuckols, Danny Courtney, Lonnie Webster, Lowella Downs, Barbara Dearing, Carol McDaniel, Glenda Portwood, Leallen Jones, Donna Gail Farr, Phillys Pittman, Mrs. Caldwell.

FIRST GRADE



Front row: Donnie Ward, Eddie Portwood, Linda Smedley, Shirley Shepard, Judy Harmon, James Warfield, Norma Murphy, Beverly Keith, Robert McCall, Janice Craig, Kenneth Pennington, John Mitchell, Terry Grimes, James McDaniel. Back row: Mrs. Caton, David House, Savannah Wilson, Jerry Columbia, Brenda Sorrell, Margaret McDonald, Dickie Ethington, Robert Southworth, Louise Livery, Barbara Wright, Scottie Hash, Becky Estes, Judith Rouse, Helen Nuckols.



SECOND GRADE

Front row: Brenda Jenkins, Marilyn Woodrum, Carol Curd, Betty Sames, Shirley Ward, Carol Lane, Elizabeth Warfield, Vivian Downs, Judy Nuckols, Margie Mitchell, Miss Redden. Back row: Miss Robinson, student teacher, Allen Devers, Duard Wise, Lee Ethington, Wallace Johnston, Wayne Ward, Dee Ethington, Jan Gajdik, Miss Fugate, student teacher.

OUR HELPERS



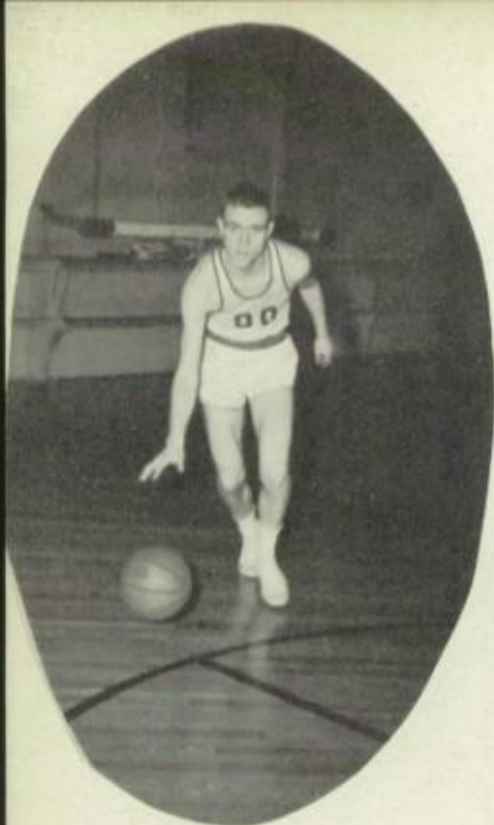
Our Cafeteria Staff: Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Portwood, Miss Baxter, and Mrs. Sullivan.

The many hours of preparation and planning under the supervision of Miss Baxter gave us many good, nourishing meals.

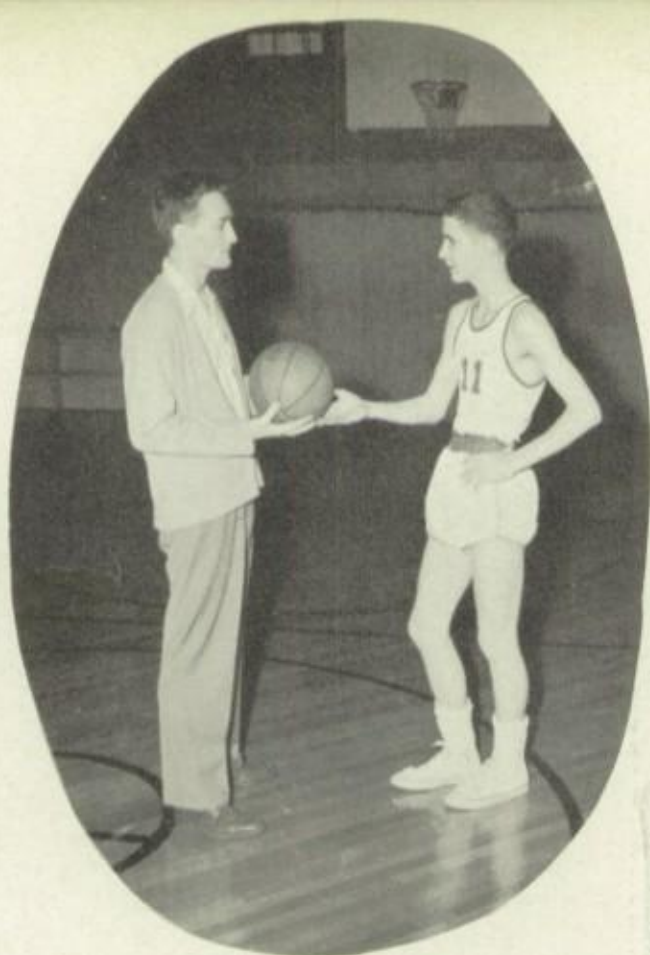
Mrs. Doris J. Leigh
Our School Secretary

Who can forget her sweet smile and her ever-ready, willingness to help us all, anytime? We think we should ask for an elevator to save her trips running up and down stairs!

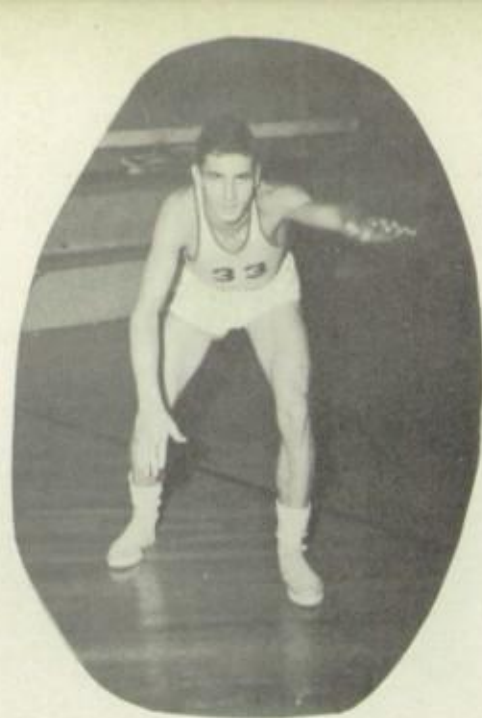




Oscar Ellis



Coach Ed. Allin and Captain Paul Duffy



Bobby Dotson



James Woodrum

Billy Logan

BLUE JAY STARS

Bobby Dotson-Forward, 5' 10", high scoring, tricky ball handler.

Oscar Ellis, Guard, 5' 10", good defensive man, high scorer, good rebounder.

Paul Duffy-Guard, 5' 11", excellent shot, high team scorer, team captain.

Joe Claypool-Center, 6' 2", good rebounder, good shot and ball handler.

Joe Sames-Guard, 5' 8", outstanding ball handler and dribbler.

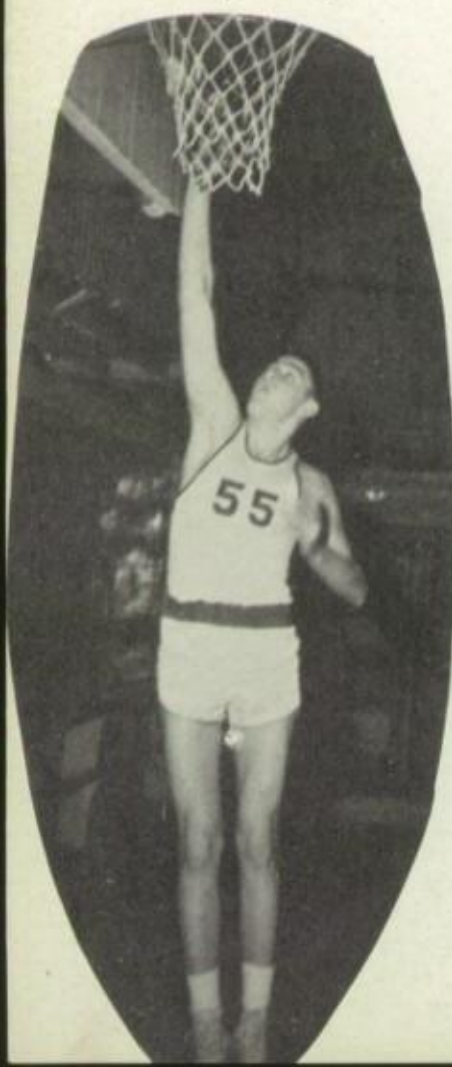
James Woodrum-Forward-Center, 6' 2", good offensive and defensive rebounder.

Lamar Johnson-5' 6", fine shot, good defensive man.

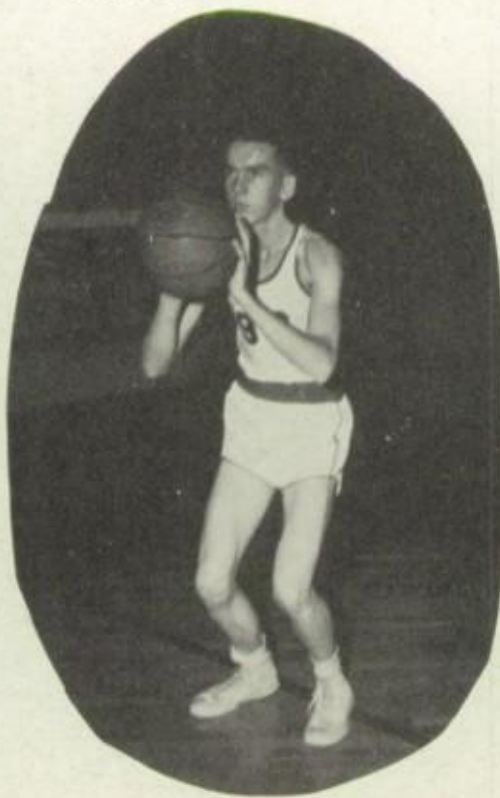
Billy Logan-Forward-Center, 6' 2", rugged rebounder offensively and defensively, good shot.



Joe Claypool



William Cloyd

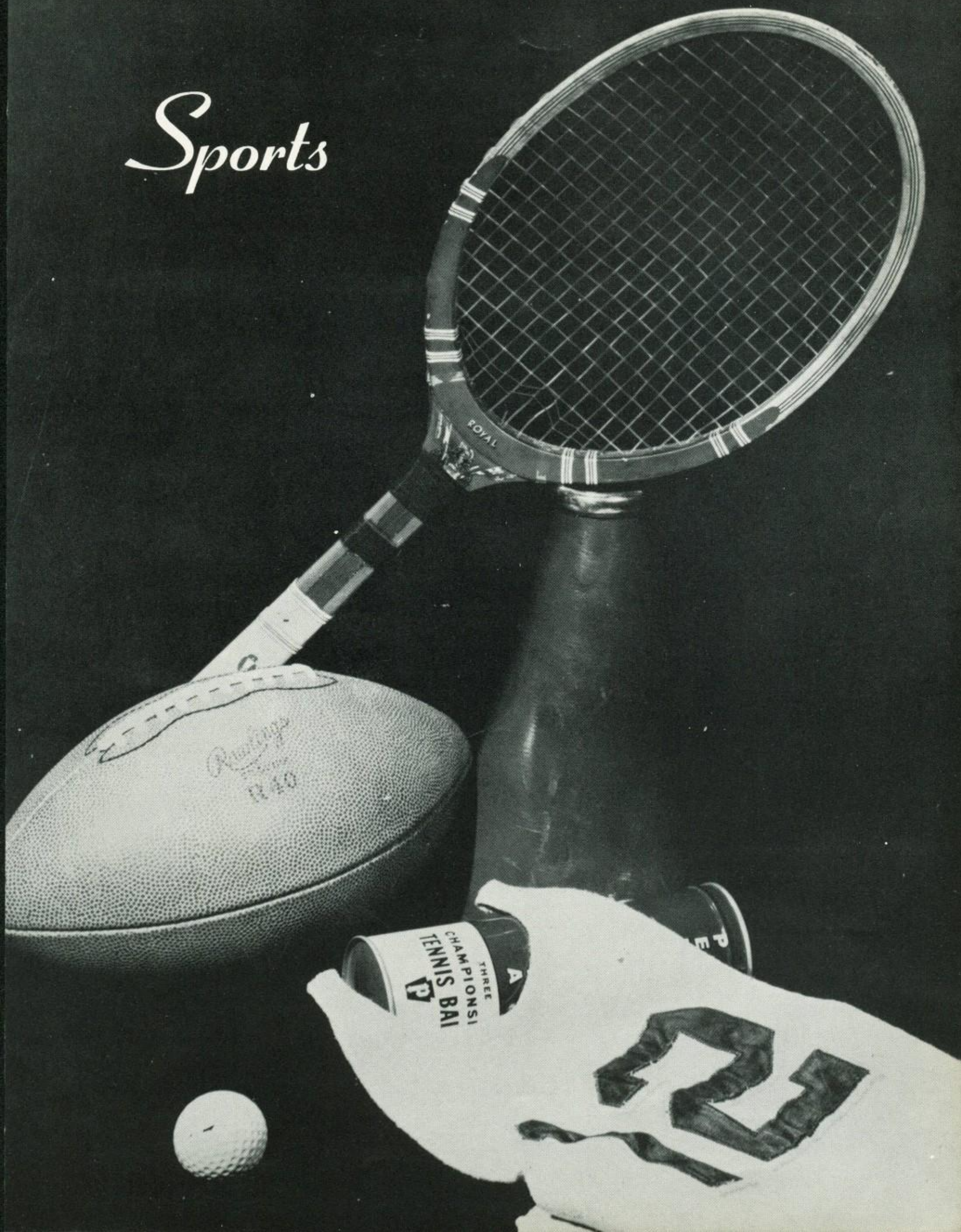


Lamar Johnson



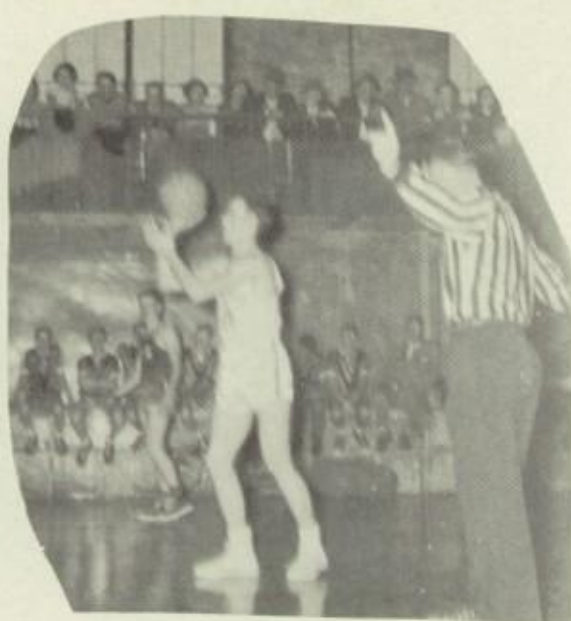
Joe Sames

Sports





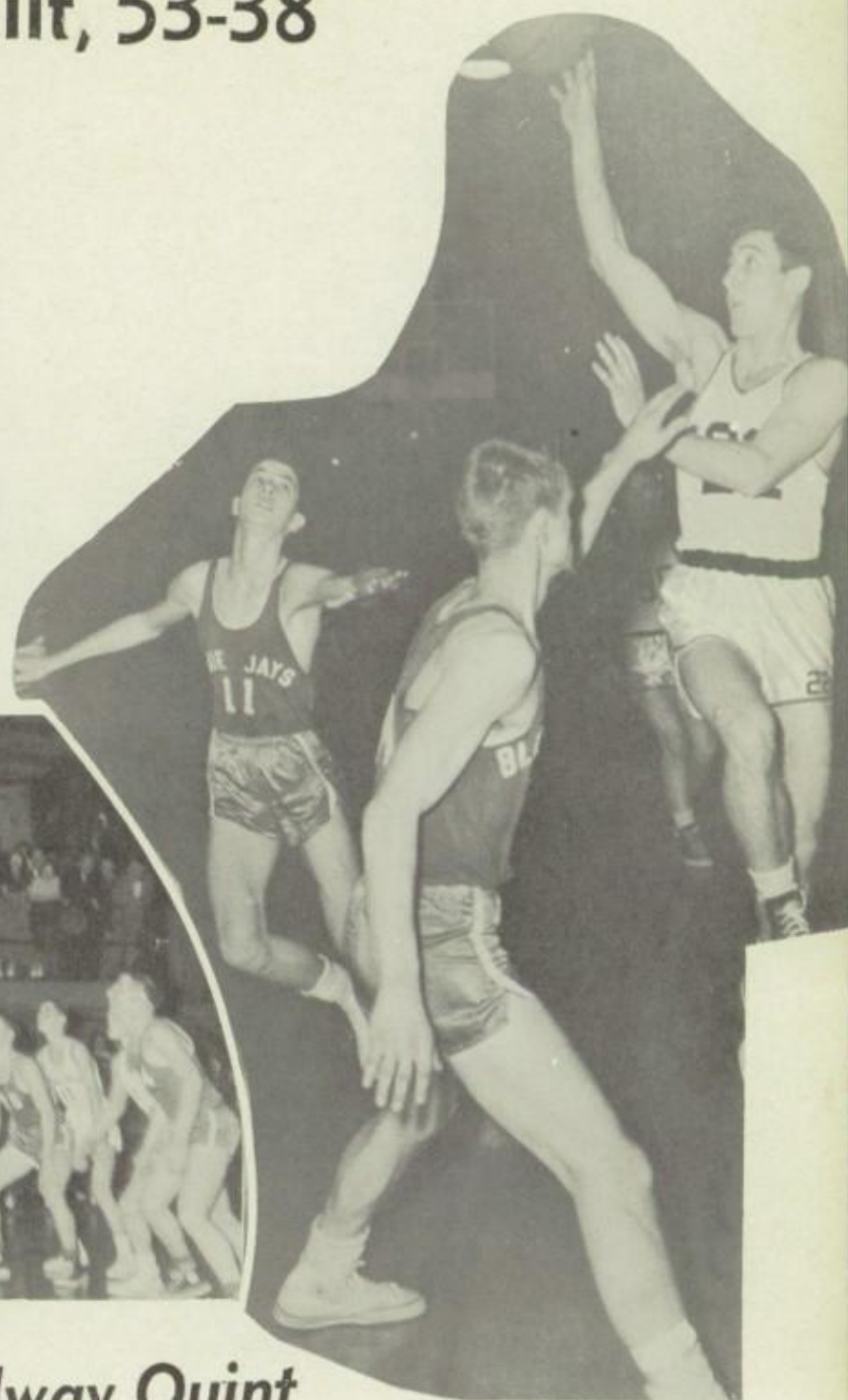
Undefeated Midway Dumps Catholic In Blue Grass Conference Tilt, 53-38



Claypool shoots a foul



Midway Blue Jays
Trip Camargo, 52-42



*Midway Quint
Downs Athens
For 23rd Win*

Midway Wins, 102-55
BALD KNOB, Ky., Jan. 3 (Spe.)



Seniors selling cokes for Washington trip



Midway Scores Victory
Over Crossing Quintet

A CHEERLEADERS AND TEAM



Miss Edith Hamlet

Shirley Baldwin, Mildred Lacefield, Mary Lou Ford, Lois Shumate, Myra Wash.

Sponsor

A Team



Ed Allin



Coach

Charles Adams, William Cloyd, Paul Duffy, Joe Claypool, James Woodrum, Billy Logan, Oscar Ellis, Bobby Dotson, Lamar Johnson, Earl Cloyd, Raymond Shepard.

Scores

1952 - 1953

Nov.	Midway	Opponents
11 Western	61	52
14 G. Shepherd	58	42
15 Camargo	52	42
18 Lex. Catholic	53	38
25 N. Middletown	57	48
28 Henry Clay	46	48
Dec.		
5 Athens	58	35
9 Wilmore	58	55
11 G. Crossings	63	48
16 Versailles	63	30
Jan.		
3 Bald Knob	102	55
9 Frankfort	51	48
10 G. Shepherd	49	36
13 Lex. Catholic	64	61
16 Versailles	59	53
23 Oxford	48	38
27 S. Ground	59	49

Jan.	Midway	Opponents
30 Wilmore	73	75
Feb.		
2 Western	38	50
10 Oxford	67	45
13 Athens	83	64
20 N. Middeltown	70	60
21 Camargo	58	39
27 S. Ground	54	31

BLUE GRASS TOURNAMENT

Feb.		
5 Lex. Catholic	49	42
6 Camargo	67	49
7 Wilmore	49	60

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Mar.		
4 Western	57	56
5 Anderson	56	63

Compliments
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B CHEERLEADERS AND TEAM



Left to Right: Sue Yeary, Betty Lou Yeary, Garnett Atwood, Betty Portwood



Left to Right: Coach Ed Allin, Doug Lathrem, David Rice, James McDaniel, Joe Kenney, Benny Baker, Donald Baker.

	Midway	Opponent		Midway	Opponent
Western	18	39	Lexington Catholic	48	30
Good Shepard	34	33	Versailles	30	39
Camargo	33	20	Oxford	32	25
Lexington Catholic	11	34	Stamping Ground	26	25
North Middletown	28	20	Wilmore	30	38
Athens	31	25	Western	30	14
Wilmore	32	30	Oxford	44	29
Versailles	19	29	Athens	40	38
Bald Knob	28	14	North Middletown	47	33
Frankfort	43	29	Camargo	18	28
Good Shepard	38	24	Stamping Ground	35	36



Midway High School Students Favor Democrats In 'Election'



Remember the debate.....Eisenhower vs. Stevenson? The Republican debaters won, but when the mock election was held the Democrats led 2-1.

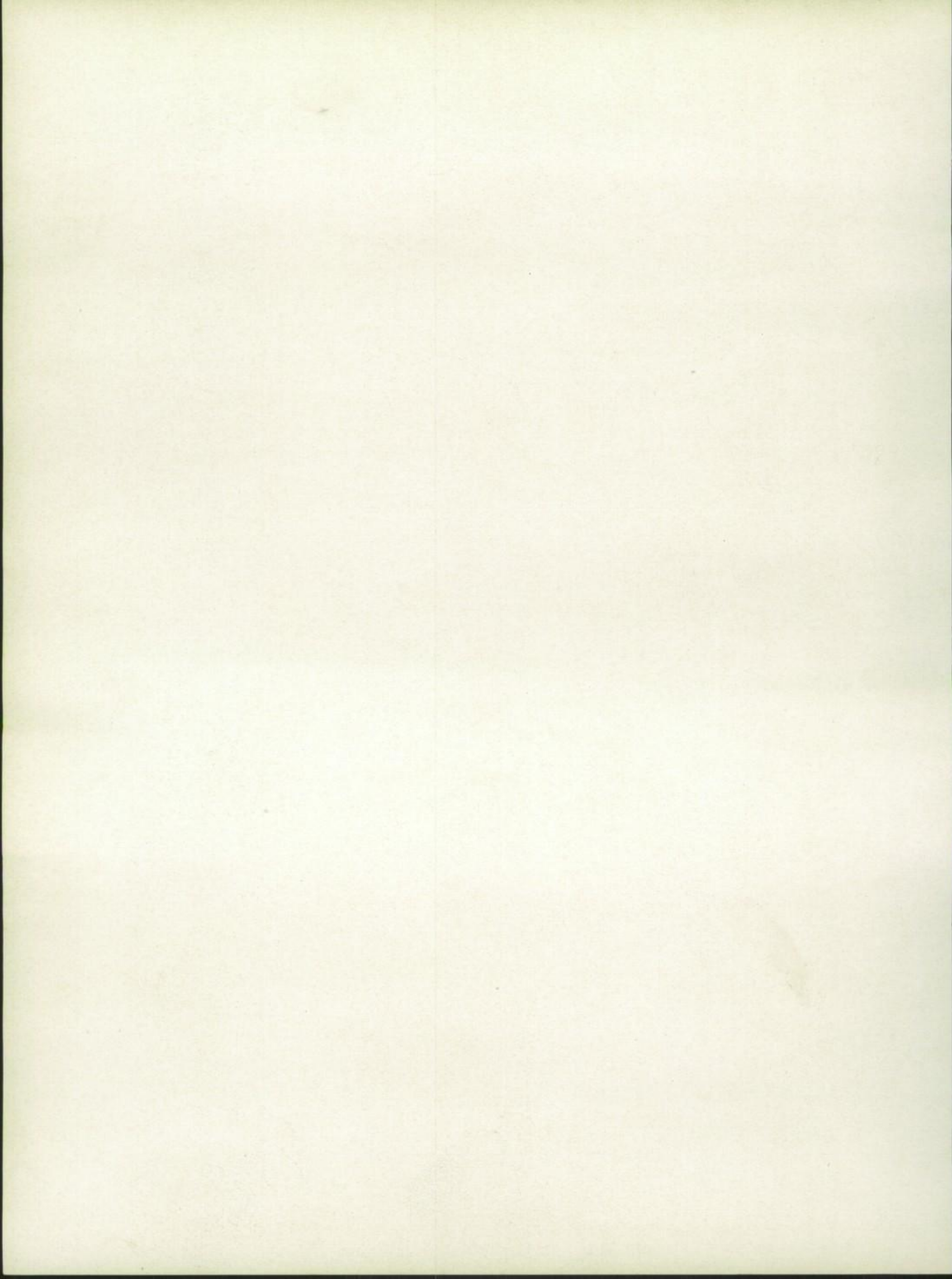
And the Senior picnic, in October, for the faculty.....Hamburgers.....the two little Heckers.....Mrs. Hicks, Miss Hamlet and the little Bevins?

The Halloween Party.....costumed prize winners.....Mr. Ford and our Superintendent.....our policeman friend, "John Willie".....

Remember the Sophomores selling candy at the games?.....Mr. and Mrs. Swan..... the five senior boys at the picnic.....More hamburger.....

These are some of the happy events that will bring Echoes through the years.

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JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

LIFE OF THE PARTY



Wally Montgomery, Donna Muntz, Peggy Riddle, Bobby Dotson, Jas. McDaniel, Barbara Muntz, Doug Lathrem, Bobby Biddle, Mildred Lacefield, Mary Lou Rord, Dorothy Riddell, Dora Duncan, Patsy Sullivan, Helen Woolums.



Jas. McDaniel, Bobby Dotson, Jerry Montgomery, Mary Lou Ford, Joe Kenney, D. Riddell



JUNIOR AND SENIOR BANQUET, May 7, 1953

A black and white photograph of a group of six people (three men and three women) in a room, possibly a stage or a set. They are standing around a table. One woman is holding a book or a small object. A sign on the table reads "REAL MONTGOMERY". The room has a bookshelf, a lamp, and a striped ottoman. The photograph is framed with a decorative border.

Betty Jo Duncan-Patsy Fisher, Annie Webster-Shirley Yeats, James Woodrum-Hal Montgomery, Betty Devers-Linda Rogers, Ada Wright-Nadine Wilson, William Cloyd Buz Stevens, Myra Wash-Queenie.

At the beginning of the Second Act,Linda was conducting a voting campaign for Hal for Class President. Queenie is giving Linda a piece of wedding cake to dream on.



Paul Duffy-George Rogers,Ouida Bush-Kay Phillips,Alma Rigney-Susie Marsh,James Woodrum-Hal Montgomery,Don Baker-Austin Farrell,Margaret Summers-Diana Gordon, Betty Devers- Linda Rogers, Georgetta McLean-Mary Rogers, Retta Richardson- Valerie Rogers, Herbert Carpenter, Jay Bishop, directed by Mrs. Voigt.

Love is rough for Linda and Hall too and before the end there is a fight with Hal and Austin over the girls.



Organizations



Midway Senior Class On Trip To Capital



Leaving Midway



"Uncle Bill" Woodrum
Chaperon



HOTEL ANNAPOLIS



Mr. Stewart, C&O guide, and Mrs. Voigt



Dillinger was our bus driver for two days



At Carvel Hall, Annapolis, after lunch



Smithsonian Institute



Compliments of Duell's Funeral Home, Versailles, Kentucky



Homeward Bound

YAWDIM STAFF



This is the assembly line of the school paper which is printed each month. Here we are inspecting the results of a few weeks of hard work with editor, Myra Wash, directing us.

Standing: Donald Baker, Herbert Carpenter, Georgetta McLean, Paul Duffy, Faculty Advisor-Mrs. Hicks, Betty Devers, Ouida Bush, William Cloyd, Annie Webster, Betty Jo Duncan, Myra Wash. Seated: James Woodrum, Retta Richardson, Ada Wright, Margaret Summers. Alma Rigney absent.

ECHO STAFF

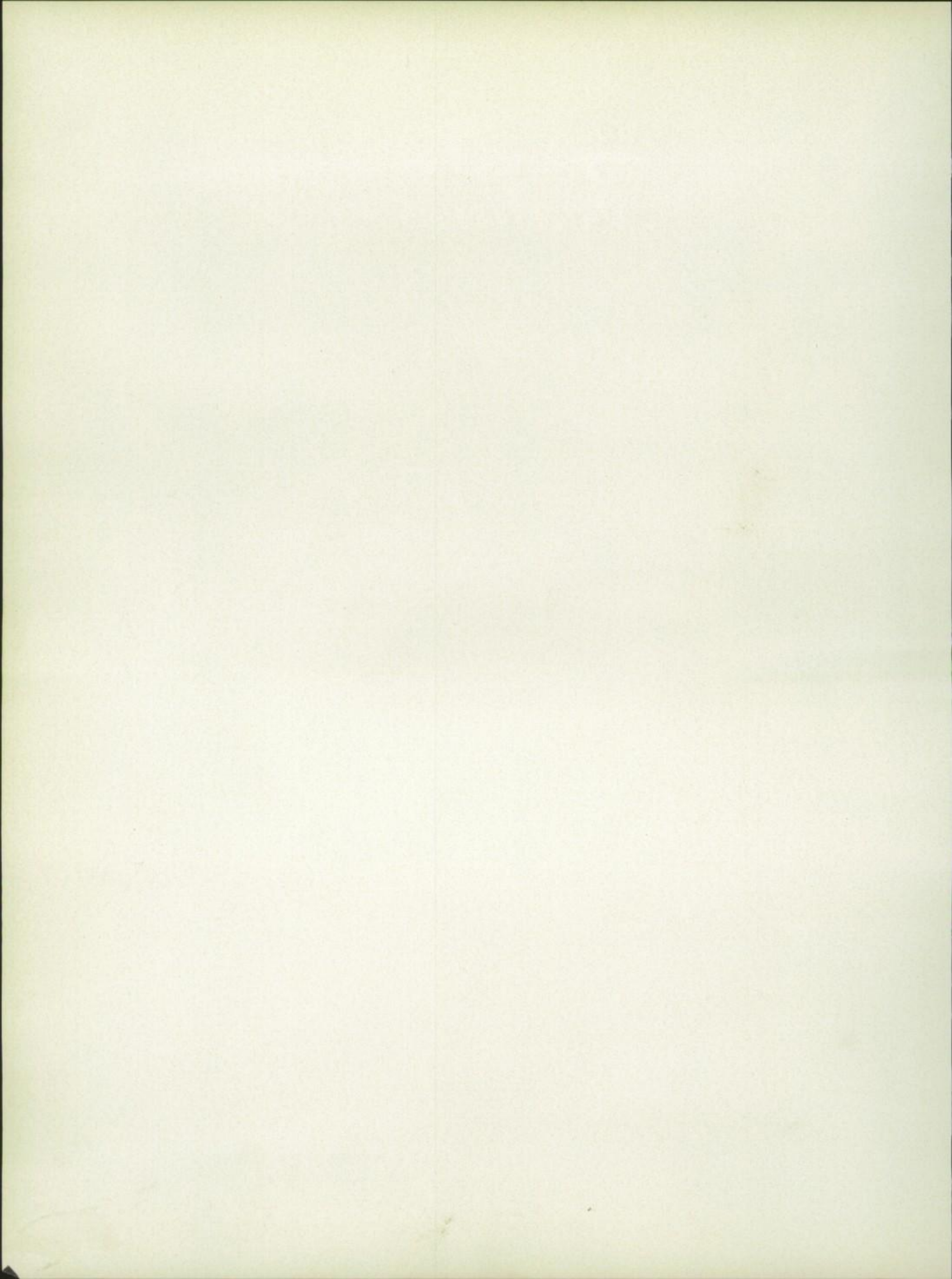


The first efforts to plan the pages of the 1953 annual, under the direction of Ouida Bush-Editor. They are just beginning to take shape.

Standing: Myra Wash, Betty Devers, Annie Webster, Faculty Advisor-Mrs. Voigt, Betty Jo Duncan, William Cloyd, Ada Wright, Mrs. Hicks. Seated: Retta Richardson, Ouida Bush, Georgetta McLean, Margaret Summers, Paul Duffy.

Features





SENIOR AWARDS



Margaret Summers

Salutatorian
D.A.R. Citizen



Paul Duffy

Valedictorian
Lions Club Award
Athletic Award
D.A.R. History Award



Ouida Bush

Best All Around

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



Left to right: Margaret Summers-Treasurer; Ouida Bush-Secretary; Retta Richardson-Vice-president; and Paul Duffy-President.

COMPLIMENTS OF COTTRELL'S BAKERY, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY



Class History

On one bright September morning in 1949, twenty-four freshmen entered M.H.S. with one great achievement in mind; graduation day. Under the supervision of Mrs. Marvin Gennings, we elected the following officers: Paul Duffy, President; Paul Corum, Vice-president; Ouida Bush, Secretary; Martha Browning, Treasurer. For our class party we all went to the skating rink in Lexington.

When the roll was called at the beginning of our Sophomore year we found that Shirley Means, Martha Browning, Joe Ward, and David Green had dropped out and Mary Lou Shipp and Eugene Lathem had been added. Under Miss Betty Compton's guidance we chose Paul Corum, President; Paul Duffy, Vice-president; Mary Lou Shipp, Secretary; Retta Updike, Treasurer, to guide us through the year. We loved parties so much that we spent a weekend in May at Clifton, with Miss Jane Chitwood, Mr. and Mrs. Roe, Mrs. Pearl Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wash, Mr. A.D. Woodrum, and Miss Betty Compton as our chaperons. We had our first chance for making money toward our trip to Washington by selling candy at all of the basketball games. We also sponsored a Stunt Night in which the upper seven grades participated. That Christmas we went Christmas caroling and invited the Juniors and Seniors. After caroling we went to the Christian Church and had hot cocoa and sandwiches. In the spring of the year we had two new pupils, Georgetta and Harold McLean, who came to us from Elkhorn.

We came back as Juniors, in the fall of '51 with Mrs. Donn Ramsdell as our sponsor. We had a total of 17 pupils. Eugene Latham returned to his home in South Carolina, Mary Lou Shipp entered Sullins in Virginia, Paul Corum went to Darlington, David Havens entered U-High, Peggy Farmer enrolled at K.F.O.S. and Ralph Estes joined the Navy. Alma Rigney was added that year. We chose for our class officers; President, Paul Duffy; Vice-president, Ouida Bush; Secretary, Margaret Summers, and Treasurer Alma Rigney. Again that Christmas we went Christmas Caroling. Afterwards we went to our sponsor's home for sandwiches and cocoa and played games. In February, Harold McLean left us to go to the Army and Retta Updike married a former graduate, Charles Richardson. We had a magazine drive in which we competed against the Seniors. We were such poor salesman that the Seniors defeated us. On May 2, we had our first play, "Spooks and Spasms" with Mrs. Ramsdell as our director and Mrs. Voigt assisting. On May 7, we took the Seniors to the Bluegrass Airport, for our Junior and Senior Banquet. That year we went to Mrs. Hicks farm for our class party.

At last we are Seniors. We have had Mrs. Voigt to help us through this last year. Our first party was in honor of our high school faculty, a picnic at the Y-teen oven on our campus, in October. Our class officers are Paul Duffy, President for the third time; Retta Richardson, Vice-president; Ouida Bush, Secretary; and Margaret Summers, treasurer. Our magazine drive did not reach our expectations, for again the other grade came out on top. We sold cokes at the home basketball games to help us build our funds for our trip to Washington D.C. In March we sponsored an Amateur Night, with Arty Kay and Mike Martin helping us entertain. It was very successful, and now we were well on our way to the Nation's Capital. On March 27, we had our senior play, "It's A Date", directed by Mrs. Nell Voigt. We looked forward to this event, and we worked hard to give a good production. On April 8, the Seniors with Mrs. Voigt and Mr. A.D. Woodrum boarded the C & O for Washington. This trip which we had dreamed of for several years now unfolded before our eyes. The fun we had and the places of interest we saw will never be forgotten. The Junior-Senior Banquet was held May 7, in our gymnasium. The food, favors, and program will be long remembered.

And now just two more days remain before we, the Class of 1953, leave the halls of Midway High. We have had four happy years; years full of fun, of work and co-operation to reach our Commencement Night. Many happy memories will rush back to us in the future years, bringing echoes of friends we have made. Before we shut the pages of our history, we wish to express our appreciation to each and all of you who have helped us, the class of '53, reach our goal.

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Prophecy

As we gaze into our crystal ball we see Father Time slowly coming to a stop. The scene is gradually becoming clearer, it is ten years into the future, now we recognize that the town is Midway. We see large crowds of people hurrying to a church as if an event of great importance was about to begin. In a moment the scene has changed to the interior of a church, and what do we see but a bride and bridegroom standing before the altar. The happy pair are Maxine House and Billy Gilkison. And who is the preacher? He is none other than Jerry Montgomery, who graduated in the class of '54. He sure looks sophisticated wearing glasses.

Down front in the pews we see a few guests of honor, namely Ada Carol Wright, a noted Hollywood movie actress. She got her start when a talent scout spotted her in the senior play back in 1953.

Also nearby are Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Graves. Mrs. Graves is the former Myra Wash, who is now famous for her invention of special hydraulic shoe lifts. Betty Jo Duncan, who is reporter for the social column of the Louisville Time is covering the story for the paper. She started her job as a cub reporter, and captured her big story a year later when she got the exclusive story on Retta Richardson's exceptional job of private secretary to the President of the United States.

As Betty Jo's personal photographer we find Betty Devers taking the wedding pictures. She received fame for her exclusive shots of Miss Dorothy Riddell's marriage to the multi-millionaire Herb Carpenter owner and proprietor of the famous Gladstone Palace Gambling Casino, the only gambling house in the world with friendly slot machines which refuse to take your last quarter.

The scene now changes to the reception room of the Dale Hotel, the largest hotel in Woodford County, and owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Dale Jr., the former Ouida Bush.

Over there shaking hands with the groom is the famous Paul Duffy, star forward for the New York Knickerbockers. He took up professional basketball on graduating from Notre Dame University.

And now congratulating the bride and groom is the wealthy and sophisticated Annie Webster, with a beautiful tan she received while on her trip to Florida. She made her fortune with her Bubbly Bubble Gum Co., the bubble gum that blows square bubbles. And standing over to the side waiting to kiss the bride is the wealthy play boy Jim Woodrum, President of the Vito-Vitamin Pill Co. He has come a long way since his graduation from Center College.

Standing nearby is Georgetta McLean operator of the Cutie Q Beauty Shoppe. She became a famous hair dresser when Georgeous George, the wrestler, entered her shop for a cold wave, he now goes by the name of Baldy George. And who is that with short blond hair? Oh, yes, it is Miss Alma Rigney famous vocalist for Spike Jones and his Band. And also present is the former Miss Margaret Summers who besides managing her husband and five children, is a famous Criminal Lawyer.

Also in the crowd is Colonel Don Baker, Colonel Baker has won fame in his exploits as a fighting Marine. He is talking to another Colonel by the name of Bill Cloyd. Colonel Cloyd has served valiantly in the service for many years. Both men have a chest full of medals. We see Mrs. Voigt asking for a class reunion at which we can talk over the events of the past ten years.

Now that winsome old man, picking up his scythe and his hour glass is trudging on his way. The crystal ball is becoming hazy, and the scene is fast fading away. Alas--it is gone; but how happy I am to have had a glimpse of my classmates ten years after our graduation from Midway High in 1953.

Class Will

We, the Senior Class of '53, Midway High School, being about to depart from this school, do make this our last will and testament. We hereby declare all previous wills and testaments made by this class null and void.

1. To the Junior Class, who will follow in our footsteps, we will our dignity and self-respect.
2. To the noisy Sophomores, we leave our ability to conduct a class meeting in a noisy manner.
3. To the green Freshman Class, we give our ability to cut up.
4. To the playful Eighth Grade we leave our unsophisticated ways.
5. To the shy Seventh Grade we will our hopes that they will have as many happy times in high school as we have had.
6. To the faculty we leave a little peace and quiet after four years of having our way.

7. We, the members of the Senior Class of 1953 being of sound mind and body, do hereby bequeath, convey, and will our last worldly possessions to the following, to wit:

1. Ouida Bush wills her freckles to Philip Smith and her place helping Doris in the office goes to Mildred Lacefield.
2. Betty Jo Duncan wills her quietness to James McDaniel and her ability to get along with the teachers to David Stevens.
3. Myra Wash wills her shortness to Mary Lou Ford and her place on the cheerleading squad to Garnet Atwood.
4. Paul Duffy leaves his place on the basketball team to Wally Montgomery and his black hair to Oscar Ellis.
5. Donald Baker wills his ability to be tardy for school to Larry Duffy and his curly hair to Billy Logan.
6. Alma Rigney wills her long hair to Helen Woolums and her love for air-mail letters to Betty Jo Purvis.
7. Ada Wright wills her sweet disposition and happy smile to all of the Sophomore girls.
8. James Woodrum leaves his ability to skip school to Bobby Biddle and his ability to go with all the girls goes to Benny Baker.
9. Annie Webster wills her mischievous joking to Lois Shumate and her independent spirit to Patsy Sullivan.
10. Herbert Carpenter wills his purple pants and bright shirts to any boy who can wear them and everything else he wants for himself.
11. Retta Richardson wills her ability to get married to Dorothy Riddell and her charming personality to Betty Portwood.
12. Margaret Summers wills her flirty ways and her love for the Versailles boys to Doris Biddle.
13. William Cloyd leaves his desk in the Senior room to the first Junior who gets it, and his ability to talk like Donald Duck to Bobby Dotson. It will help worry your classmates, Bobby.
14. Betty Devers wills her bright smile to Dora Duncan and her dramatic talent to any Sophomore girl who wants the lead in the Senior Play.
15. I, Georgetta McLean do hereby will my ability to have one boy friend at a time to Betty Florian but she had better not have any designs on the Rice in my life.
16. Finally, as our last official act we do hereby name and appoint our Class Sponsor, Mrs. Nell Voigt, as the sole executrix of this, our last will and testament.

Georgetta McLean William Cloyd

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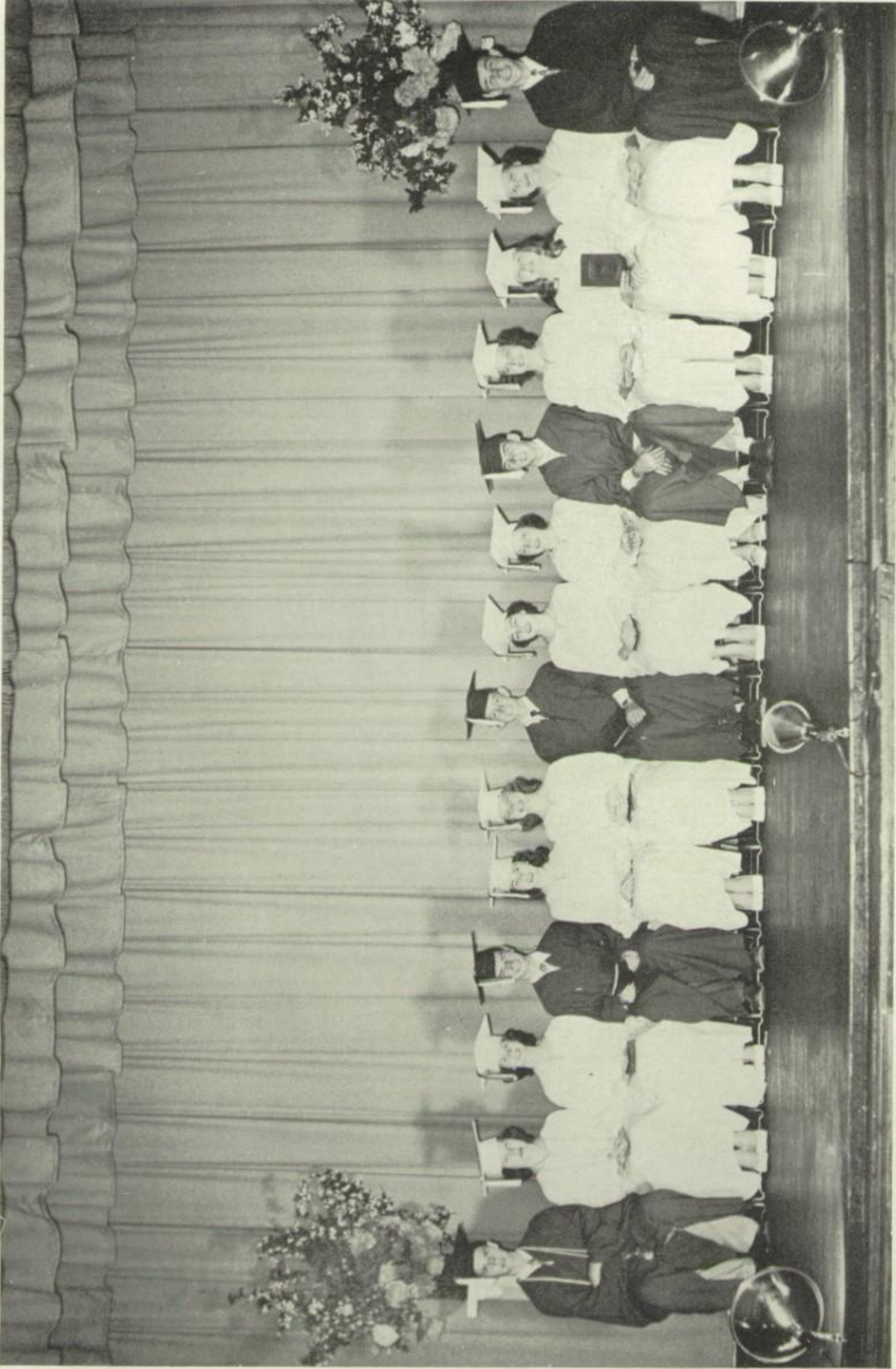
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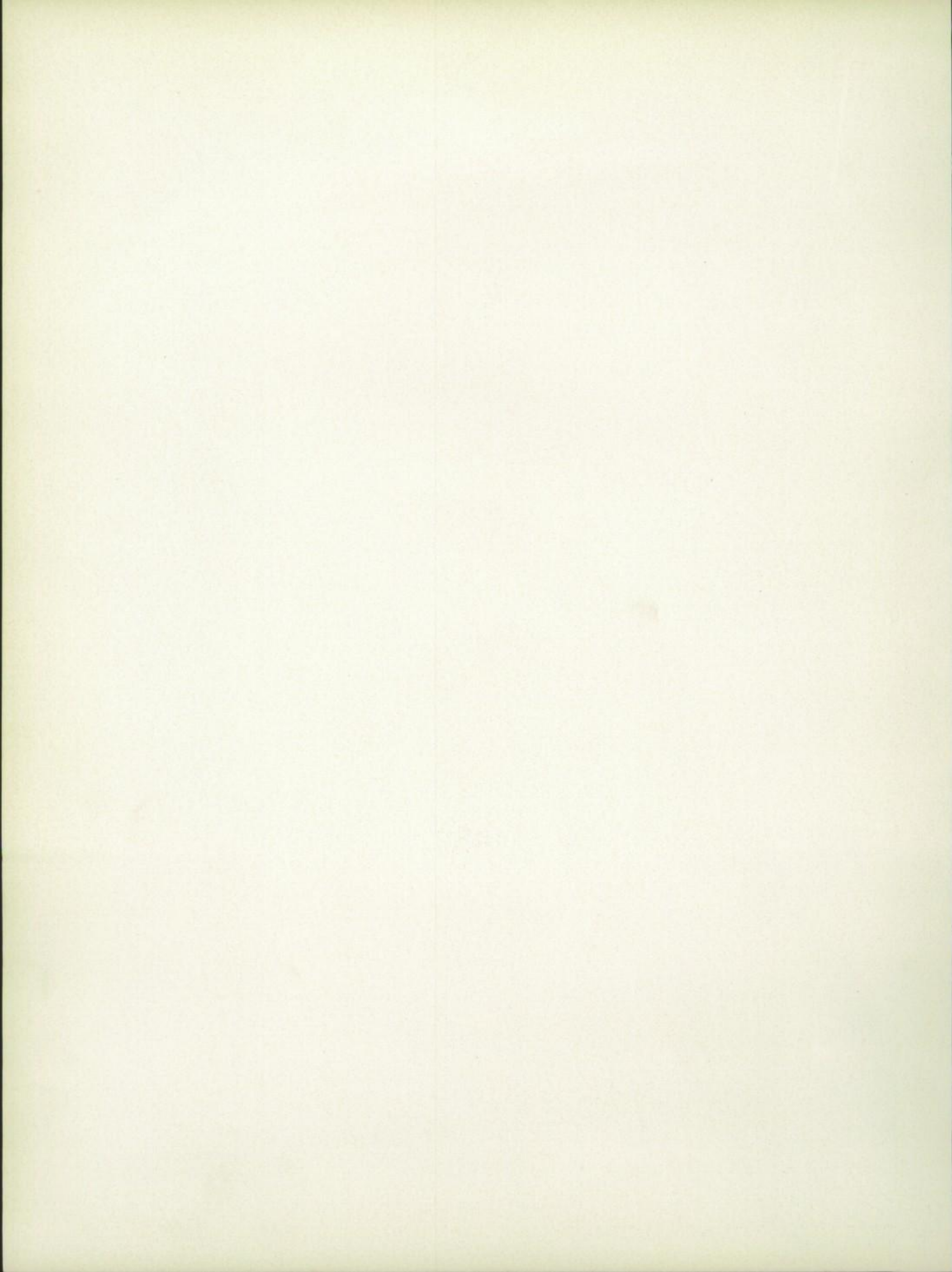
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